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Letter dated 11 April 2007 from the Permanent Representative of the Sudan to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

1. While the Government of my country has consistently affirmed, in word and in deed, its full commitment to good-neighbourly policies and the need to resolve disputes by peaceful means and has reiterated its desire to establish good relations with its sister the Republic of Chad, based on the development of joint cooperation, non-interference in internal affairs and respect for the agreements signed in that context, the most recent of which was the agreement reached at the Tripoli quartet summit, attended by the Presidents of the Republic of the Sudan, the Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Eritrea and Chad, which provided for the full normalization of relations between the two countries and the cessation of hostile acts and escalation campaigns, the Government of Chad insisted on reaffirming its lack of commitment in that regard and its determination to target the Sudan and its territorial inviolability, obstructing all the generous efforts aimed at normalizing relations between the two countries.

2. On Monday, 9 April 2007, Chadian Government forces proceeded, against the backdrop of a flare-up of fighting in the Amdjereme region within Chadian territory between those forces and Chadian opposition forces (the Hassan Saleh al-Djinedi group), to carry out pursuit operations during which they penetrated into Sudanese territory with a force composed of seven armoured personnel carriers and over 100 Land Cruisers and attacked and fought with Sudanese armed forces, which resulted in the killing of Sudanese first lieutenant and 16 Sudanese soldiers.

3. The Government of the Sudan, while reserving its legitimate right to respond to such overt aggression and continuing also to desire good-neighbourly relations, hereby refers to the Security Council this grave violation of the sovereignty and territorial inviolability of the Sudan. This incident has been acknowledged by the Government of Chad itself in a manner that reflects its continued intent to destabilize the Sudan and obstruct the current efforts to reach a political settlement of the Darfur crisis. The Government of the Sudan requests the Security Council, as the body responsible for maintaining international peace and security, to deal swiftly and decisively with this aggression, of which the States sponsors of the Tripoli agreement have been informed, by conducting an immediate investigation and taking the necessary measures within the framework of its responsibilities under the Charter of the United Nations.

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4. Lastly, I request you to circulate this complaint as an official document of the Security Council.

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